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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Applicant's Response to the Restriction/Election Requirement filed on July 09, 2008. In view of the Applicant's argument in the Remarks, the Restriction/Election Requirement hereby withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-6 are currently pending in the Application and being examined as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schiefer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,177, 922), hereinafter Schiefer.

In reference to claim 5, Schiefer discloses a device (see Figs. 1-3) for converting images, comprising:

an output synchronization signal generation module (120) configured to generate output vertical and horizontal synchronization signals (Hsync2 and Vsync2) based on an input horizontal synchronization signal (RGB Hsync) and an input vertical synchronization signal (RGB Vsync), and a clock signal (CLK2) that is asynchronous to the input horizontal synchronization signal; and

a controller (110) for generating a control signal for controlling a cycle of the output horizontal synchronizing signal based on the input horizontal synchronization (RGB Hsync) signal, the input vertical synchronization signal (RGB Vsync), cycle information of the input horizontal synchronization signal (IP Hsync), and cycle information of the asynchronous clock signal (IPCLK); and

an image conversion module (320 of Fig. 3) configured to generate an output image signal (Ddata) based on an input image signal (data) the output vertical and horizontal synchronization signals (RGB Vsyn/Hsyn), and the clock signal (CLK2).

In reference to claim 6, Schiefer discloses, in Figs. 1-3, a method for converting images, comprising:

generating output vertical and horizontal synchronization signals (Vsync/Hsync) based on an input horizontal synchronization signal (HS sync) and an input vertical synchronization signal (VS sync);

generating a clock signal (CLK) that is asynchronous to the input horizontal synchronization signal; (HS sync) and

generating a control signal that controls a cycle of the output horizontal synchronizing signal based on the input horizontal synchronization signal (HS sync), the input vertical synchronization signal (VS sync), cycle information of the input horizontal synchronization signal (IP Hsync), and cycle information of the a synchronous clock signal (IPCLOCK); and

generating an output image signal (DDATA) based on an input image signal (DATA), the output vertical and horizontal synchronization signals (Vsync, Hsyn), and the clock signal (CLK).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-4 are allowed as indicated in the previous Office Action mailed on October 30, 2007.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DUC Q. DINH whose telephone number is (571)272-7686. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8:00.AM-4:00.PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RICHARD HJERPE can be reached on (571)272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629